

MINUTES
AREA SEVENTY CORRELATION MEETING
UTNO/UTSLC/UTSO
NOVEMBER 14, 2014
7:30 AM
AMBASSADOR ROOM JSMB

Utah Area Leadership: Elders L. Whitney Clayton, Mervyn B. Arnold, Don R. Clarke

Area Seventy Attendance:

Ambassador Room: Elders Stephen B. Allen, Jorge T. Becerra, Gene R. Chidester, Ralph L. Dewsnup, Gary B. Doxey, Peter Evans, Craig G. Fisher, Gary B. Porter, Steven K. Randall, R. Scott Runia, Lynn L. Summerhays, Craig B. Terry

Via Conference Call: Elders Michael H. Bourne, Samuel W. Clarke Jr., John K. Ence, Michael R. Jensen, Von G. Keetch, Steve O. Laing, Bryan R. Larsen, Dane O. Leavitt, Dale H. Munk, Kevin J. Worthen

Excused: Elder Terry L. Wade

DTA: M. Scott Newbold

Executive Secretaries: F. Wayne Elggren, Scott T. Seamons

Presiding:	Elder L. Whitney Clayton
Conducting:	Elder Mervyn B. Arnold

Opening Hymn:	<i>#5, High on a Mountain Top</i>
Chorister:	Elder Craig B. Terry
Pianist:	Elder Ralph L. Dewsnup

Invocation:	Elder Gary B. Porter
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Instruction:	Elder L. Whitney Clayton
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1. Africa Area Charities – Devotionals and other fund raising efforts by NGOs – (example – Eyes4Zimbabwe) – Elder Clayton – Let Elder Clayton know when you hear that firesides are happening – Discourage these fund raising activities.
2. Stake Reorganizations – Report to Responsible Area Seventy – Elder Clayton – Please promptly communicate to Area Seventy over the stake where a change in leadership has taken place and share names and contact information for newly called leaders.

3. Media News Releases – Keep watching “Newsroom” on LDS.ORG – Elder Clayton – Keep your eyes on it and keep up to date!
4. Emeritus General Authorities Speaking Assignments – Approval Process – Elder Clayton – No clearing process is needed for speaking assignments. Emeritus General Authorities do not preside at meetings and should sit in the congregation unless invited to the stand by the presiding authority. Be careful not to create a scene. Advise Elder Clayton if a problem persists.
5. Stake Baptisms – Privacy and Member Concern – Elder Clayton – Concerns about privacy for youth in dressing accommodations and baptism scheduling flexibility. Suggestions by Elder Keetch:
 - “1. **Privacy in Dressing Accommodations:** Both legal and ecclesiastical principles require that young people be given necessary privacy for dressing and undressing during baptismal services. Stake presidencies, bishoprics, and baptismal leaders should ensure that there are options for children to dress separate and apart from adults. Leaders should be sensitive to the child’s innocence, and should do everything reasonably possible to ensure that the child has only good memories of this special day. In some stakes where the baptism numbers are high, this might mean setting aside additional rooms for dressing or even having additional stake baptism times so that children may receive the privacy they need and deserve.’
 - “2. **Flexibility in Stake Baptisms:** Stake leaders should carefully consider how best to organize and administer their stake baptismal services so as to allow sufficient flexibility for family members to attend. At the same time, stake leaders must strike an appropriate balance on behalf of other uses of the building and the demands upon those who organize the baptisms. Stake leaders should always remember that baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel that will be held special in the heart of the child throughout his/her lifetime. Without allowing individual families to continuously dictate when baptismal services will be held, stake leaders should strive to be as flexible as possible. Such flexibility might manifest itself in a decision to hold stake baptisms more than one time per month, to assign multiple couples to serve as baptismal coordinators so that all of the work doesn’t fall to one couple or individual, and to carefully considering a family’s scheduling problem and what might be done to address it in a reasonable way.”
6. Domestic Area Administration – Elder Arnold reminds us to lift the load on Elder Clayton. Elders Arnold or Clarke can handle most of the business and will bring every major matter to Elder Clayton, so contact them first. Please reduce email “cc” traffic to Elder Clayton.

7. Single Adult Activities Focus (Area Seventy Assignments) – Elder Clarke – Our objective is to increase the variety and frequency of activities for single adults 31-45 and 46+, not to reduce them. Coordinating Council and Area level activities should be increased in number and frequency. Assignments were given to Area Seventy to get involved with, encourage and supervise the Area Single Adult activities as detailed below:

Ogden Area:

Elder Steven O. Laing – (31-45)
Elder Craig G. Fisher – (46+)

Salt Lake Valley:

Elder Peter F. Evans – (31-45)
Elder Michael L. Bourne – (46+)

Utah County:

Elder Craig B. Terry (31-45)
Elder Dale H. Munk (46+)

St George:

Elder Terry L. Wade (31-45 and 46+)

8. Reports on Strengthening Stakes – Elder Clarke – Summary from reports submitted:

Total Stakes Reported	572
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Percentage of Stakes with:

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| ➤ Weekly Missionary Coordination Meeting Fully Functioning | 76% |
| ➤ High Councilor over Missionary Work is Serving Superbly | 96% |
| ➤ Minimum of 20 Lessons per Week Per Companionship are Taught | 30% |
| ➤ Full-time Live-at-home Missionary Couple is Called and Functioning | 60% |

Consider the question: Can a high councilor be superbly serving with missionaries teaching less than 20 lessons per week?

Discussion:**Elder L. Whitney Clayton**

Reports by Area Seventies on Actions/Experiences from October Area Council.

Ideas for Building Faith in Jesus Christ by Teaching the Power of the Atonement:

1. Fewer items on council agendas.
2. Focus on important items: Atonement, ministry, and building faith and testimony.
3. Make assignments to study and prepare in advance.
4. Allow participants to speak freely about how they feel on the topic.
5. Stake presidents (or all leaders) should go to the Lord and ask Him what they should do for their stakes.
6. Teach our members to become converted to the Lord.
7. Fortify by sharing scriptures, praying for guidance and serving.

Ideas for Strengthening Ward Councils and Member-missionary Work; Enhancing the Experience and Effectiveness of Full-time Missionaries:

1. Leaders need to do it, not just talk about it.
2. Leaders should be visiting in homes not just sitting in meetings and interviews.
3. Pairing up with leaders for in-home visits.
4. Go out to visit for an hour, and return to share testimonies.
5. Teach the Doctrine of Christ.
6. Invite the less-actives and non-members to do something (e.g., attend church, pray, read scriptures, etc.).
7. Extending an invitation is the beginning of the process.
8. Be sure to follow-up. One visit is not enough. It is a beginning.
9. Have missionaries teach all five lessons in active and less-active members' homes.
10. While we may visit a home with a prepared message, it is imperative that we follow the Spirit to teach what is needed.

Ideas for Strengthening Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums

1. Focus on the vision of what a high councilor can/should do.
2. Take time in priesthood meeting to emphasize importance of priesthood ministry.
3. Use outline of ideas from October meeting.
4. High councilors should focus on the spiritual side of quorum work.
5. Quorum leaders need to get out among their members.
6. Aaronic Priesthood holders should be there to support those in need when problem happen.
7. Don't tell high councilors what to do, show them.

8. High councilors should be out ministering in homes.
9. Include and consult Aaronic Priesthood holders who hold keys on matters such as home teaching assignments.
10. Aaronic priesthood presidencies should follow-up on home teaching assignments of quorum members.
11. Less actives will join in quorum service projects.
12. Bishops should attend quorum meetings to see what is taught.
13. Assign high councilors to quorums, not just wards.
14. Make last visit to stake president's home.
15. Encourage priesthood leaders and high councilors to lift the burden off bishops.
16. Look for opportunities to serve everyone.

Elder Clayton – Discussed a young man in Irvine, CA that fell away from the Church. His wife stayed active and faithful. They were moving to a new house. The brother broke his collar bone so he could not move the furniture. Ward priesthood members loaded up the truck and drove to the new house. Since the new house was not ready they drove the truck back to the old house. After Church meetings the next day the priesthood drove the truck to the new house and unloaded it while the brother watched with his arm in a sling. This made a positive impression on the brother and he eventually returned to the Church.

Testimonies:

1. Elder Arnold – Expressed gratitude and reminded us to follow the Spirit.
2. Elder Clarke – Today was wonderful because we talked about Him and His children.
3. Elder Clayton – We appreciate you. Please express our love to your families. We are thankful for the attention you paid to the topics previously discussed (six topics from General Conference training). See 1 Nephi 8:24-25, and 30 where after tasting of the fruit some turned away because they were ashamed, while others came to the tree and fell down.

Closing Hymn:

None

Benediction:

Elder Lynn L. Summerhays